



AN CANACH



President's Quarterly Message—Louis Russell

Greetings to all. The summer is beginning, and it is getting busy. Thanks to all that are working to convene their local Highland games. This is an important way to promote Clan Henderson Society and demonstrate support for the Scottish community.

The Scholarship Committee has completed their task by identifying many worthy applicants. This year Clan Henderson Society was able to award 15 Scholarships! Recipients include Highland Dancers, Pipers, Drummers and a Harpist. This year is also notable in that five of the recipients were from Australia. As the committee began accepting applicants, Audrey Trawick, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, reached out to Jeff Henderson, Regional Commissioner in Australia, and together they were able to successfully promote the Scholarship Program in Australia. The Scholarship Committee included Audrey Trawick, Chairperson, Ann Hicks and Graeme Dodworth. Thanks to all that made this year successful. There will be more information on the recipients included in this issue of An Canach.

The Ohio School of Scottish Arts is a highly acclaimed summer camp bringing talented teachers and students from around the world to study Scottish Arts. Classes include a wide range of crafts including dancing, fiddling, harping, kilt making, piping & small pipes and snare, tenor/bass drumming. Fulfilling Clan Henderson Societies commitment to support Scottish Heritage, the Society presented a grant to OSSA supporting their excellent program. The check was presented on behalf of the Society by member Doug Henderson. The Scholarship Endowment continues to grow. Despite the volatility in the stock market, because of the conservative nature of CHS investments the principal was maintained and realized modest growth. Projections show that at the current pace, within 5 to 6 years the Endowment will be sufficient to begin funding CHS Scholarships! These projections assume that CHS members continue contributing \$5,000 / year to the Scholarship Endowment. Based on history, the projections are conservative providing a high level of confidence that the goal can be achieved. Therefore, within the foreseeable future, the Endowment Fund will be sufficient to support scholarships taking significant pressure off the annual budget. Thanks to everyone that have already contributed. If you have yet to contrib-

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ute, please consider supporting this effort. To contribute go to the Clan Henderson Society website:

<https://www.clanhendersonsociety.com/>

Click on the "Donate" button and follow the directions. Remember, your contributions are tax deductible. In addition, if you are in a position where you are taking mandatory distributions from a 401K or similar investment, you can contribute directly to the Endowment further minimizing your tax exposure. Consult your tax advisor on how to structure such contributions and to take full advantage of donations to the CHS Scholarship Endowment. This is a tangible way to join in support of establishing a lasting Clan Henderson Society legacy.

Finally, make your plans to attend the 2025 Annual General Meeting in Enumclaw, Washington, July 25-27, 2025. The CHS website has all the information, schedule of events and links to the hotel. Joyce Henderson and team have organized an excellent AGM for us this year. It should be an excellent venue coinciding with the [Seattle Scottish Highland Games and Gathering](#). Remember, this year the Clan Henderson Society Annual Board meeting will be held in November, date to be announced later.

Thanks for everyone's support.
President
Clan Henderson Society

Louis Russell



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Scottish Games In PCB Florida

3/10/2025

The PCB Scottish Highland Games and Festival opened its first 2-day event on Friday Feb 28th and Saturday Mar 1, 2025 at Frank Brown Park. This was the PCB Festival's 31st annual event.

It was a grand affair with 35 food and merchandise vendors, 15 Clans, 43 male and female athletics, 2 fantastic Scottish Folk Rock bands and pipers, dancers and a hairy Coo or two.

Additionally, this was the first time we hosted a Calling of the Clans Friday night to open the Festival. There were 18 clans that participated, and it was well received by the patrons witnessing the ceremony.

Phil and Steve Embry convened the Henderson Clan tent which hosted 32 visitors, and 3 new cousins took applications to join the Clan. It was a busy 2 days with many visitors discovering their Scottish heritage and associations to Scottish clans.

There were approximately 2500 patrons attending the festival who enjoyed the music, piper bands, clans, children's games, axe throwing, merchandise vendors and some of the greatest food and drink on the Florida Panhandle.

Come join us next year during the first week of March at the beach! Here are a few pictures of the 2025 PCB Festival.





Phil and Steve Embry

Hi there!

I am sending you **Brynn's recent accomplishments** but more importantly where her love of Scottish Highland dance came from... her Mimmi. Warmly,
Michelle Brown

The first 5 photos are of Brynn's accomplishments at the Stone Mountain Highland Games, Central Florida Highland Games, Heart of the USA, and the Chi-



cago Spring Fling, trying deep dish pizza in Chicago

Photo #6 Brynn with her Mimmi at the Bonnie Wee Well in Scotland. we will spread my mum's ashes there in August.



Picture # 6 Mimmi and her sister at the Bonnie Wee Well right before Mimmi passed.

Picture # 7 Brynn's Mimmi and Poppie in Gourock, Scotland where they met and lived. We will be going back to their first little home in Gourock where they lived!



Picture #8 Mimmi as a child playing in the Gleniffer Brae's, Paisley, Scotland. We will spread Mimmi's ashes there in August.

Picture # 9 Maureen Clark aka Mimmi visiting the places she played as a child!

Longevity awards

South East	2	HENDERSON	David S.	New Bern	NC	USA	35
Oceania	2	HENDERSON, of Fordell	Alistair D.	Grange	QLD	AUS	35
Oceania	3	HENDERSON, Younger of Fordell	Iain	Grange	QLD	AUS	35
South East	4	HENDERSON	Alan Kyle	Hartsville	SC	USA	35
South East	5	HENDERSON	George C.	Lexington	SC	USA	35
UK	8	HENDERSON	Jack	Paisley		UK	35
South East	12	GAY-FREEMAN	Beth	Clarksville	GA	USA	35
South East	15	BOUSMAN	DeAnna Henderson	Newport	NC	USA	35
South East	24	HENDERSON	Alan B.	Acworth	GA	USA	35
Far South	27	HENDERSON	David A.	Tulsa	OK	USA	35
Great Lakes	28	HENDERSON	Douglas W.	Rocky River	OH	USA	35
South East	32	HENDERSON	Harry W.	Sharon	SC	USA	35
South East	35	HENDERSON	William J. "Bill"	Newport	NC	USA	35
Mid East	40	HENDERSON	Mark A.	Manassas	VA	USA	35
South East	42	HENDERSON	Charles C.	Pollockville	NC	USA	35
South East	49	HENDERSON	Dr. Stephen W.	Covington	GA	USA	35
Mid East	54	LOFTIN	Rex K.	Galax	VA	USA	35
North East	57	McCARL	Dr. Henry N.	Gloucester	MA	USA	35
Mid East	63	HENDERSON	Haskel	Gloucester Point	VA	USA	35
Mid South	89	LOFTIN	Tomas L.	Diamondhead	MS	USA	35
Mid South	115	GOODWIN	Linda	Madison	AL	USA	35
North East	137	HENDERSON	Gary W.	Niagra Falls	NY	USA	35
South East	177	HENDERSON	David R.	Glade Valley	NC	USA	35
North East	188	HENDERSON	Peter B.	East Amherst	NY	USA	35
North East	200	HENDERSON	Bruce A.	Buffalo	NY	USA	35
South East	219	HENDERSON	Kari	Glade Valley	NC	USA	35
Mid East	2645	HENDERSON	Scott L.	Mechanicsville	VA	USA	25
South East	2556	SUZOR	Cheryl Henry	Summerville	GA	USA	25
South East	3719	HENDERSON	Larry	Greensboro	NC	USA	15
South East	3722	HENDERSON	Patricia Anne	Orlando	FL	USA	15
South East	3726	HENDERSON	Robert Kenneth	Acworth	GA	USA	15
South East	3731	NEBELING	Paul A.	Jacksonville	FL	USA	15
Great Lakes	5101	HENDERSON	Daniel	Beaver Dam	WI	USA	5
Independent	5013	BEIROA TROITEIRO	Xosé Lois	Santiago de Compostela	La Coruna	ESP	5
Independent	5013	GARCÍA LÓPEZ	Marina	Santiago de Compestela	La Coruna	ESP	5
South East	5037	WHITE	Otis Jesse	Castle Hayne	NC	USA	5
Canada	5062	HENDERSON	Brian	Kamloops	BC	CAN	5
Great Lakes	5093	BETHEL	Tacia	Lebanon	IL	USA	5
South East	5119	McKINNEY	Mary Elizabeth Henderson	Greenville	SC	USA	5

NEW MEMBERS

South West	5532	REILLY	Rachell	Payson	UT	USA
Oceania	5533	HENDERSON	Ian	Portarlinton	VIC	AU
South East	5534	HENDERSON	Jordan	Myrtle Beach	SC	USA
Great Lakes	5535	HENDERSON	Randall	Charlestown	IN	USA
South East	5536	THOMPSON	Leif	Hinesville	GA	USA

AGM 2025 Announcement Reminder FRIENDLY REMINDER, YOU ARE INVITED!



2025 Annual General Meeting

Enumclaw, Washington

July 25-27, 2025

The Annual General Meeting of Clan Henderson Society will be held in Enumclaw, Washington, at the Seattle Scottish Highland Games and Gathering July 25-27 2025.

Seattle Scottish Highland Games Association – Scotland Comes to the Pacific Northwest

The host hotel is the Best Western Plus Mountain View Inn in Auburn, WA. We have 20 rooms blocked for CHS. The rooms are either a king or 2-queen beds. Nightly rate is \$179 (plus taxes and fees).

- Reservations must be made before 6/24/2025 to guarantee the rate, and any rooms not booked will be released on this date.

- Hotel Website:

Best Western Auburn, WA

Best Western Auburn, WA Alternate Link #1

Best Western Auburn, WA Alternate Link #2

The Clan Henderson room rate is authorized from Thursday, July 24 through Sunday, July 27 (4 nights).

On Friday, July 25, CHS will gather on the hotel patio for meet & greet with light snacks & refreshments.

SSHGA will “Call the Clans” on Friday evening on the Expo grounds, and CHS will migrate from the hotel to join in the festivities. More information to follow on this, also.

Clan Chieftain, Alistair of Fordell is planning to be in attendance, which is a great honor for the Clan. In addition to the events at the Games, Clan Henderson will gather for dinner on Saturday, July 26 at the Babick Cellars Winery for dinner, fellowship and entertainment. Dinner menu and cost are being finalized and information for reservations are below.

Winery | Babick Cellars | Enumclaw

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Babick Cellars

38109 244th Ave SE

Enumclaw, WA 98022

www.babickcellars.com

Cost: \$45 per person (includes 9% sales tax)

Please mail check and reservation NO LATER THAN JUNE 28 to:

Joyce Henderson

2585 Pinkerton Drive

East Helena, MT 59635

Please plan to attend and join your Henderson cousins for a weekend of fun, merriment and fellowship!



Introducing the 35 Year Pin

Many of our members have received 5-year, 15-year, or 25-year Clan Henderson Society membership pins. We are now launching the new 35-year pin. Loyal members who joined in 1988 through early 1990 are now receiving the new 35-year pin to celebrate their many years with our organization. Thank you for your continued support!

Suzanne Henderson Emerson, VP Members

NSW championships, and the Eastern Australian championships

I would just like to thank Clan Henderson again for your support with the scholarships for both of my girls this year. It was such a wonderful surprise and I have attached receipts for both of them which the money was used for.

They are both flying to Melbourne now for the Commonwealth championships which is held on the 14th of June, and I used the rest of the funds to contribute to their Grand Australasians entries which is held in Sydney on June the 28/06/2025.

I have also attached a couple of pictures for you to pass on please as a thank you. The girls both danced in the NSW championships, and the Eastern Australian championships at the weekend, and came 3rd overall in their age groups for both days. Piper also came 4th overall in the 12 - 15 Premiership with 25 in her group ☐

Warm regards
Mhairi



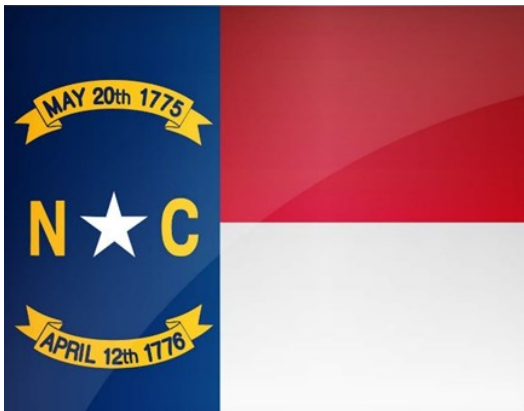
The Scottish American Military Society



The Scottish American Military Society (AAMS) is a non-profit organization open to military members honorably discharged, retired, or active. It is the smallest veteran's organization in the United States but it packs a big wallop. You have probably seen it represented at a Scottish Highland Game Festival or watched one of its many color guards supporting various events. The organization is national in scope.

In May 2025 a color guard from Post 1775, Mecklenburg, NC was featured at the Greenville SC Highland games. Their presence was impactful at this festival, celebrating American veterans, for three reasons:

First, SAMS Post 1775 has a rich heritage. It was granted its number since Mecklenburg County, NC sent a petition, dated May 20, 1775 to King George III declaring their separation from the Crown. This was a full year before the American Colonies declared independence in 1776. In fact, the NC State Flag has May 20, 1775 inscribed on it. Of particular note to Clan Henderson cousins is three of the signatories on that petition were ancestors of our own Clan Henderson Chieftain and High Commissioner for North America, David R. Henderson



Second, the SAMS Color Guard at the event included one member celebrating his 100th birthday. GM Sgt. Victor St. Pierre, a WWII veteran, not only attended the ceremonies, he was in the color guard.



Third, the Army granted an award and ribbon to SAMS. GM Sgt Victor St. Pierre, USMC, retired was the VERY first recipient of this new, prestigious award. Shown here with Lau-chlan Hyatt, age 91, a past Regional Commander in SAMS.





Memorial Day weekend at Orange County California's Scottish Fest is always in the top tier of Scottish Festivals in the South Pacific Region to attend.

During the opening ceremonies respects are paid to the fallen of United States and our allies . Veterans are always given free admission to these games.

Clan Henderson tent again had the best placement at the games with full front view as attendees Came into the games , and perfect view to watch Aiden Henderson compete in Solos along with many others in Heavy athletics . We had perfect weather with light overcast skies and 60-70 temps.



Aiden Henderson won his second 1st place in grade 4 piping solos and is a recent Scholarship winner from Clan Henderson Society which I would like to extend my appreciation to the members of the Society and the Scholarship committee.

Christian Henderson
South Pacific Reg. Commissioner

Greenville SC Honors Veterans



The 20th anniversary of the Greenville, SC games took place on May 23-24, 2025 at Furman University. Titled the “Gallabrae” games, the event highlights military service and honors veterans, as the event coincides with Memorial Day weekend. The schedule of events includes a military salute and includes the 2 Scots Honor Guard from the Royal Scottish Regiment, US Marine Corps Color Guard, members of the Scottish American Military Society, an Army Special Forces Parachute Team, the “Warbirds” conducting a flyover in historical, propeller-driven war planes and over 10 massed bands.



Friday evening kicks off the festivities with “The Great Scot Parade”. Excited crowds line the street shoulders as all the Clans, Societies and Pipe Bands attending the games march thru downtown Greenville.

On Saturday, the event is very traditional with respect to most American continent highland games, with vendors, border collie demonstrations, music, highland dancing and of course, many clans in attendance. However, given the weekend is held during the holiday where we honor American Veterans, the ceremonies excel in achieving that end.



This year included the 2 Scot Honor Guard presenting the American flag parachuted onto the field, to MSGT LaPierre, a WWII veteran whose 100th birthday coincided with the event. What made this exceptional unique and memorable was the fact that MSGT LaPierre was also a participating mem-

ber, in full uniform, of the Scottish American Military Society's Honor Guard.

The Military Salute, held every year, involves all American veterans are asked to walk onto the field where solemn honors are rendered to them, including a 3 gun salute, a rendition of "Taps" and the massed bands playing "

This year the Clan Henderson Tent was ably convened by members Fran & Rick Kalk with admirable assistance from Tom Henderson and Ed Hendricks.



(Clock wise) Mark & Sandi Henderson

Fran & Rick Kalk

Tom Henderson



Flowers of the Forest

John Steven “Steve” Henderson

Born October 31, 1937 in Rock Springs, Wyoming he was the son of the late John and Emma E. (Endrizzi) Henderson.

He earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Education from the University of Wyoming in 1959 and his Masters Degree in Education from Monterey Institute of Foreign Studies, Monterey, CA in 1972 with a focus on the Middle East and M.A. in International Studies from the American University, Washington, D.C. in 1977.

Steve retired in October 1979 as a Major after 20 years of service in the United States Army. He was awarded numerous medals and awards for this time in the service, including the Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm and the Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

As a long standing member of the Clan Henderson, Steve served as Regional Commissioner, VP, Genealogy and VP, Operations. Ever the volunteer, his enthusiasm and dedication toward his Scottish heritage was unmatched. Most memorable was his RV trip with his beloved dog, when they travelled throughout the northern and western USA and Canada representing Clan Henderson at a number of Scottish games and festivals.

He is missed. RIP, cousin.
Yours aye,
Mark



Oyez, Oyez, Oyez

Know ye all Kinsmen present

Induction into the

Order of The Chief

*of the Clan Henderson Society
Is hereby bestowed on*

Thomas Henderson

In recognition of his dedication, enthusiasm, exceptionalism, and perseverance in assisting with convening and attending Highland festivals in the CHS South East Region. Additionally, he serves with distinction as a member of the Chaplains Corps in the Region.




Suzanne Henderson Emerson
VP, Members


Louis Russell
President


Mark Henderson
2024 Awards Committee



Oyez, Oyez, Oyez

Know ye all Kinsmen present

Induction into the

Order of The Chief

with Distinction

*of the Clan Henderson Society
Is hereby bestowed on*

Frances Kalk

In recognition of her continuing support and leadership in the South-East Region including convening at the Greenville, SC Games, and exciting attitude and high level of enthusiasm in all she does to support our Clan and Society. Inducted into the Society in 2023.



Original Signed
Suzanne Henderson Emerson
VP, Members

Original Signed
Louis Russell
President

Original Signed
Mark Henderson
2023 Awards Committee



Oyez, Oyez, Oyez

Know ye all Kinsmen present

Induction into the

Order of The Chief

with Distinction

of the Clan Henderson Society

Is hereby bestowed on

Rick Kalk

In recognition of his leadership and enthusiasm as both a convenor at the Greenville, SC Scottish Games and as Head of Bodyguard, South Carolina. He continues to display zeal, dedication and continuing support at events in support of Clan activities and sets an example for others to follow. Inducted into the Society in 2023.

Original Signed

Suzanne Henderson Emerson
VP, Members

Original Signed

Louis Russell
President

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Mark Henderson
2023 Awards Committee



Fordell Castle



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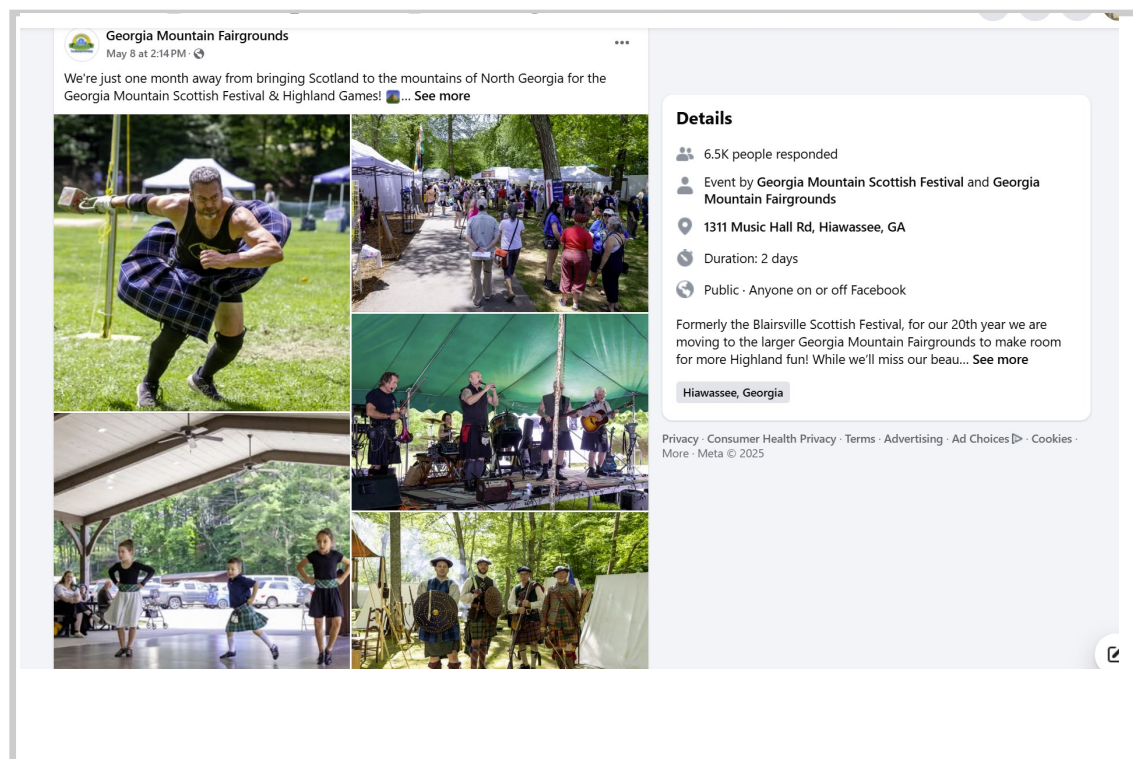
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**Thanks to all Aye,
Lawrence Henderson, An Canach Editor**

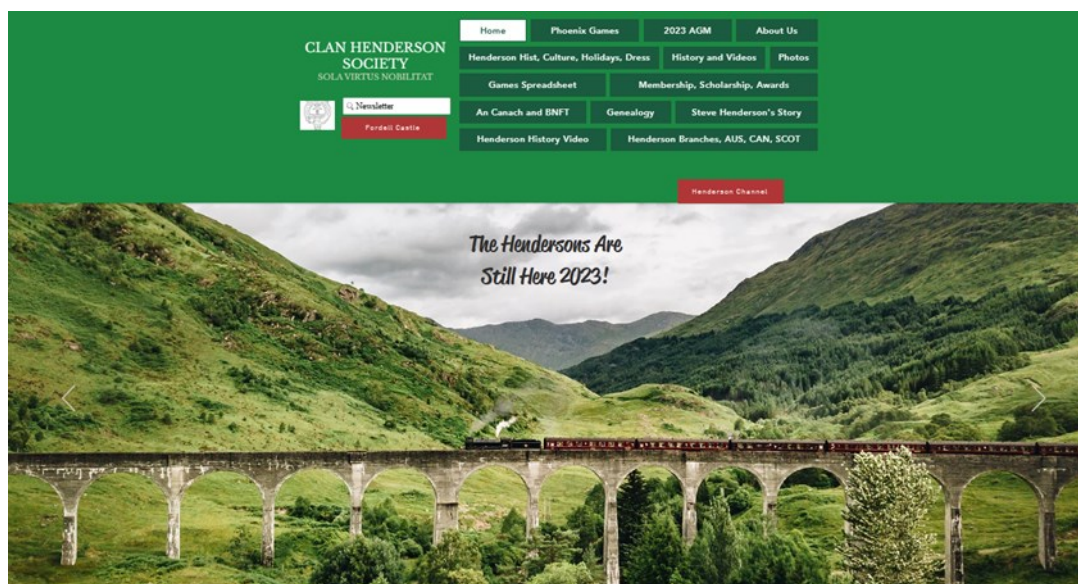
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clanhendersonsociety.com





Alisdair Henderson the younger of Fordell, son and heir of the present Chieftain Dr John Henderson, Bishop Duncan Henderson, Miss Jean Henderson, Mr and Mrs Joe Henderson and other Henderson guests who attended the dedication of the Henderson Stone last week. (FWC/384A)

Henderson Stone dedicated at Glencoe

By SUE PAGAN

IN A SERVICE of thanksgiving and remembrance for those who survived the massacre of Glencoe and returned in the Autumn of 1692 a stone which has become part of the history of that Glen was dedicated.

The Henderson stone was used by the legendary pipers of Glencoe, when they found, that in certain weather conditions, the more well known Signal Rock was not suitable for the messages sent by the pipes throughout the townships.

For hundreds of years the stone lay neglected and almost forgotten, marked with graffiti until about seven years ago when the idea of clearing round the stone and making it more accessible was mooted.

But it was not until Miss Jean Henderson of Skye, determined to see the stone recognised, took on the task, that the Henderson Stone was made available for her fellow clanspeople to visit and remember from all round the world.

It is perhaps not widely known that the Henderson Clan inhabited Glencoe for

a long time before the MacDonalds settled there. They too fled on that terrible night in February in 1692.

Unfortunately, the Clan Chieftain Dr John Henderson of Fordell, was too frail to leave his home in Australia to be at the ceremony, but his son and heir, Alisdair Henderson the younger of Fordell, was able to be there along with many other members of the Clan.

Southport based piper, Joe Henderson played the lament, 'People of this Glen.'

The Episcopal Bishop of Argyll and the Isles Duncan Henderson dedicated the stone, Monsignor Roddy MacDonald gave the reading, the Moderator of the Presbytery of Lochaber, Klaus Buwert, led the Lord's Prayer and Mrs Morag Henderson, Portree, was precentor in song and Gaelic praise. Standing close to the stone, Southport-based piper Joe Henderson played 'People of this Glen' and listening to the clear notes hanging on the air, it was possible to imagine how the folk from Invercoe to Achtriachan would hear the lament.



USS Henderson (DD-

785) was a Gearing-

class destroyer of

the United States Navy, the

second Navy ship of that

name, and the first named

for United States Marine

Corps Major Lofton R. Hen-

derson. The previ-

ous Henderson was named

for Marine Corps Comman-

dant Archibald Henderson.



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